

A TABERNACLE FOR THE SUN

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Psalm 19 reveals the work of God's Law in relation to the work of the author of Creation- Jesus Christ. In creation God has placed in the stars evidence for Himself.

Psa 19:1 To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

Psa 19:2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.

Psa 19:3 There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.

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We can plainly see the gospel story portrayed in the constellations. God's work in the heavens speaks of God and His redemptive plan. The stars have no power to save, but only to testify of God and His Son Jesus. This testimony is revealed night after night. The knowledge of God is revealed. God says that he placed the heavens as a tabernacle for the sun to abide and be revealed in.

Psa 19:5 Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.

Psa 19:6 Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

When the sun rises in the morning, it eclipses every one of the stars of the night. After the sun rises, the stars are hidden and the sun bears witness of itself. None of the stars in the heavens can bring heat to man, but none can be hidden from the heat of the sun. The sun is pictured here as a bridegroom that comes out of His chamber. This picture represents Jesus Christ Himself. After the rapture of the church and our marriage to Christ He will come out of His marriage chamber and return to the earth from the east to the west. The Sun/Son shall rise upon the earth and bring

His heat to all. The stars are teaching tools to show us God's redemption of His Son. The Sun eclipses all stars and reveals Himself. As the stars are teaching tools but have no power to save or provide heat, so it is with the Law of God.

David now reveals how the Law is a similar teaching tool. The heavens were a tabernacle to reveal the Sun, so the Law and its tabernacle were given to reveal the Son in like manner.

Psa 19:7 The Law of the Lord *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord *is* sure, making wise the simple;

Psa 19:8 The statutes of the Lord *are* right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord *is* pure, enlightening the eyes;

Psa 19:9 The fear of the Lord *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord *are* true and righteous altogether.

Psa 19:10 More to be desired *are* they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Psa 19:11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, *And* in keeping them *there is* great reward.

These passages reveal the work of the Law. The Law is PERFECT. The Law is perfect and reveals the perfect holiness of God and His demand for perfection. The goal of the Law is to **convert souls**. The Law reveals God's perfect holiness and the sinfulness of man. Rom 3:20 The Law's purpose is to turn sinners to Christ. The Law teaches of Christ and is designed for sinners to come to the end of themselves and then lead them to Christ. Gal. 3:24 The Law is a teacher of God's way. It brings the knowledge of God. It however offers no ability to keep God's standards. The Law provides light. The entrance of the Law brings light. Prov. 6:23 It reveals the light of God's holiness and your sin. However, as the stars could not bring heat or help to you, so the Law cannot help you. The Law teaches you to fear God. The Law is eternal. The Law is true and right. Rom. 7:12 The Law inspires you to want to live for God, but frustrates you because you cannot do what you desire to do. Rom. 7:22 The Law warns all but assists none. If you could keep the Law it would bring great reward, but alas, none ever did and none can now...except one...Jesus.

Psa 19:12 Who can understand *his* errors? Cleanse me from secret faults.

Psa 19:13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous *sins*; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression.

Psa 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

The work of the Law has done its work. David has discovered his errors because of the Law. His secret faults have come to light. He knows he needs cleansing. He is now painfully aware of his presumptuous and willful sins. He knows he cannot gain dominion over them by his own efforts or will power. He knows only the Lord Himself can cleanse him and make him blameless and innocent of his great transgressions. He further realizes that his outward sins come from His heart and his inner meditations and words of his mouth. He sees that his inner life can only be made right by the strength of the Lord and His work of redemption for him. Praise God the tabernacle did its work and revealed the Son! Once Jesus came the tabernacle was destroyed. It is not to be used anymore. Once the sun has risen the stars have done their work.

How are we going to live holy today? Is it by making fresh dedications of will power and resolutions to do better for God? If so, you are seeking heat from stars! You are returning to the worship of the tabernacle. It is time to allow the Son to arise in your life and give you heat and power! Place your faith afresh in the blood of Jesus Christ that has cleansed each and every one of your sins. Place your faith afresh in the finished work of redemption and the gift of His righteousness in your life. God sees you blameless and innocent of great transgressions through the payment of the blood of His Son. Look to Christ to be your complete strength and redeemer from sin, sickness, poverty, and from all the works of the enemy. You do not overcome by your ability but His ability. Let the Son arise in your heart this very day! There is no need any longer for the tabernacle. The Son is here and He is shining!